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ABSTRACT

MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

A mobile communications network is adapted to service mobile terminals having different operating protocols. The network includes multimode base stations each capable of operating selectively in at least some of said operating protocols and each having means for interrogating a mobile terminal so as to determine that terminal's operating protocol. A store contains sets of operating instructions, one for each protocol, which are downloaded to a base station controller so as to operate the base station serving that mobile terminal in a mode consistent with the terminal's operating protocol.

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